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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Canal Winchester Unveils Reconstructed West Columbus Street
Streetscape with Pervious Concrete to Help Sustain Local Environment

CANAL WINCHESTER, Ohio (July 14, 2008) —The Village of Canal Winchester is pleased to announce the completion of a unique reconstruction project on West Columbus Street. A ribbon-cutting will take place at the corner of West Columbus Street and South High Street to unveil the project at 9 a.m. on July 18.

Environmental, traffic and pedestrian safety issues were a high priority for Canal Winchester when planning the street improvement project. The primary goals of the project were to replace the deteriorated roadway and sidewalks, improve drainage and traffic safety, and enhance street lighting. These improvements were made while still protecting several large diameter trees along the roadway that the Canal Winchester Urban Forester and Street Tree Advisory Board identified as desirable to maintain.

“We are very excited about this unique roadway,” said Canal Winchester Mayor Michael Ebert. “The environmental and aesthetic implications of this street are tremendous and we hope everyone in Canal Winchester will take pride in the improvements.”

To protect the environment in the surrounding neighborhood, the village chose to use a pervious concrete pavement on the street-side parking areas. Pervious concrete dramatically reduces runoff and flooding issues by allowing storm water to filter through the concrete surface and stone recharge layer prior to entering drainage systems and surrounding water sources. The village also kept many of the large diameter trees in tact along the street, whereas in a typical reconstruction project all of the surrounding trees would have been destroyed.

“The pervious concrete will improve drainage, reduce flooding and improve the condition of the surrounding trees over time,” said Ken Caubbe, president and executive director of the Ohio Concrete. “It is one of the only streets of its kind in the Midwest.”

Enhancements made to West Columbus Street include:

- On-street, bump out parking areas on both sides of the street, each consisting of 7-feet of colored pervious concrete
- A reconstructed 21-foot paved roadway
- New traffic and pedestrian signals
- Decorative streetlights
- New sidewalks
- Additional roadway drainage

West Columbus Street remained closed for 100 days during reconstruction.

Editor's Note: Members of the media are invited to attend a ribbon-cutting event celebrating this unique reconstruction project and the reopening of this historic residential street on Friday, July 18 at 9 a.m.
Details following:

Location: Corner of West Columbus Street and South High Street in Canal Winchester

Remarks: Michael Ebert, Mayor of Canal Winchester
Bill Sims, Construction Services Administrator for Canal Winchester

Demonstration: See how storm water quality is improved through the usage of pervious concrete versus traditional construction methods

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